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1. Arming of Communist civilians was in progress in Bulgaria at least as early as 1945. However, there are now plans to give qualified civilian members of the Communist Party a short military training which would enable them to handle modern arms.
2. The plan represents a type of civilian mobilization on a small scale. Total strength is expected to be 80,000. Training will be given in northern Bulgaria in the vicinity of the larger cities.
3. Lists are being prepared by the administrative commission of the Communist Party and will be turned over to the Soviet Control Commission. The police will then probably examine the lists and may take part in the new organization.

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